

13. (twice amended) A weighing machine for weighing off batches of material, said weighing machine comprising a frame portion on which a central distributor, a plurality of transporters and a plurality of scales are mounted, and wherein the transporters are arranged around the central distributor and configured with a view to transporting material from the distributor and radially outwards from the central distributor and to the scales characterized in that the weighing machine comprises one or more substantially uninterrupted shields in the form of screen faces that extend upwards and downwards underneath the transporters in the operative position of the machine.